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1. PER REFTEL, THE AMBASSADOR CALLED ON SYG LUNS ON JULY 12 TO DISCUSS PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS AT NATO ON UN MATTERS. THE AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED AN INSTRUCTED COUNCIL SESSION MIGHT AFOID FRENCH OPPOSITION, BUT TOLD LUNS THAT WE WOULD WELCOME ATTENDANCE BY EXPERTS FROM CAPITALS AND WOULD BE PREPARED TO SEND AN EXPERT AT THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEVEL.

2. LUNS THOUGHT PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE USEFUL AND SAID HE WOULD PROPOSE THEM TO THE PERMREPS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. TO AVOID DIFFICULTIES, LUNS SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO TREAT THE CONSULTATIONS AS ROUTINE COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS AND THEREFORE FAVORED PROPOSING AN "INSTRUCTED" COUNCIL DISCUSSION WITH ONLY PERMREPS IN THE CHAIRS. CONFIDENTIAL

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3. LUNS THOUGHT SOUNDING OUT FRENCH PERMREP TINE BEFOREHAND WOULD JUST RAISE FRENCH ANXIETIES, AND SAID IT WOULD BE BEST TO TREAT THE MATTER AS ROUTINELY AS POSSIBLE. BENNETT

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